

SUGGESTS COMMISSIONS TO FIX PRICES OF GOODS

Former Vice-Chairman of War Labor Board Offers Remedy for Profitsteering.

FIGURES ARE NOT WARRANTED

William Harmon Black Says, If Nothing Is Done to Check Abnormal Inflation, There Will Be Breaking Point.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 26.—Price-fixing commissions by the government are the only remedy for profiteering in the necessities of life, in the opinion of William Harmon Black, formerly vice-chairman of the war labor board, who sailed today on a six-week's trip to France and England. Mr. Black declared that even men who intended to be fair had been forced into actions not warranted by the situation.

"The pressing problem," he said, "is the skyrocket cost of living. It is all paid by the ultimate consumer. The country believes that nearly every man is raising the price of everything he sells. If nothing is done to check this abnormal inflation, the price of the stage will be reached finally where there will be a breaking point to relieve the tension."

Believes Plan Legal.
Suggesting the remedy of price-fixing commissions, Mr. Black said that as far as the power of the government to create such commissions was concerned, the Supreme Court which read the rule of reason in the Sherman act could read fair prices into a decision which would validate an act creating price-fixing commissions.

As to the composition of such commissions, Mr. Black held that the unorganized consumers should be represented, "especially that part of the who have most bitterly felt the pinch of life suggested that each commission should be composed of a laborer, a capitalist, a farmer or miner, a manufacturer and a consumer and should include one woman member."

Outlines Personnel.
The producer," he added, "would not dare to refuse to submit the question of prices to the kind of men who would compose these commissions." Mr. Black declined to answer a question as to whether he had submitted his plan to the President.

DROWNS IN RESCUE EFFORT

Former Lieutenant David M. Prince, Jr., of Goldsboro, Dies in Heroic Attempt.

(By Associated Press.)
GOLDSBORO, N. C., July 26.—Former Lieutenant David M. Prince, Jr., of this city, was drowned on the outskirts of this city at noon today when he attempted to rescue a boy who had waded beyond his depth in the waters of the overflow of the Little River. The child threw his arms about Prince's neck, and the latter was pulled under the water. His body has not been recovered. The boy was rescued by others.

Richmond Events in Paragraph Form

Current Local News Told Briefly for Benefit of Busy Readers.

Rev. James H. Moss, former pastor of the Laurel Street Methodist Church, who has been very ill in a Norfolk hospital, is convalescing.

A motion to set aside a verdict of \$15,000 awarded Bryan Clay in the Law and Equity Court has been overruled. The plaintiff alleged that he was struck in the eye by a tobacco company.

Judge R. Carter Scott has entered an order in his court granting the East End Baptist Church the right to dispose of certain property at Twenty-sixth and B Streets.

Members of the Stonewall Jackson Monument Association returned from Providence, R. I., yesterday, where they inspected and approved the monument of the noted general, which is to be erected at the Boulevard and Monument Avenue.

State officials and prominent citizens of Virginia will be the speakers at a good roads rally in Williamsburg August 2, 3 and 4, out of the mud and travel on the roads in the State.

An automobile sold under the authority of the law, allowing those which are confiscated when used for transportation of goods, was disposed of yesterday by Sergeant Gordon Smith of the Police Department, for \$500.

Charged with being a suspicious character, suspected of larceny, Lewis Miller, colored, who gave no address, was sentenced to serve sixty days on the roads in Police Court yesterday.

J. W. Stein, colored, of 1417 Hull Street, arraigned before Justice Maurice in Police Court, Part II, yesterday on a charge of assaulting a colored girl with an old shoe, was fined \$5 and costs.

Miss Adele Clark has just returned from the University of Virginia, where she addressed a brief outline of the present status of woman suffrage in the United States.

Members of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, United Confederate Veterans, voted Friday to accept the offer of \$15,000 from J. O. F. Davis for the purchase of two lots on the Boulevard, which are now owned by the camp. The vote was 16 to 10.

T. J. Elish and J. W. Burley were guests of honor at a welcome home party at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hughes, 253 East Marshall Street, Friday night. Both young men recently returned from France.

Guy T. Horner, grand master of the Grand Lodge of the O. O. F. of Virginia, will pay his first official visit to Odd Fellows of Richmond Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when he will speak in L. O. F. Hall, at Grace and Foushee Streets. All branches of the order will be represented at the meeting. Thomas B. Morton, grand conductor of the grand lodge, will introduce the visitor.

Commissioners to appraise the property of James E. Gary and others, which will be taken by the city for laying out a street between Magnolia and Third and Taylor Avenues, Highland Park, were yesterday appointed in the Hustings Court. They are: John W. Bates, B. C. Stewarts, Hunter B. Fritchhorn, R. W. Gary and W. Carpenter. The court appointed Daniel Grimes to represent certain minors who are interested in the property.

Bulgarian Peace Delegates Arrive.

P. A. R. S. July 26.—The Bulgarian peace delegation arrived at the Lyons station at 8 o'clock this morning. The delegates were received by Colonel Henry, on behalf of the allies, and were escorted in automobiles to the Chateau Madrid, at Neuilly.

Weather for the Week.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Weather conditions for the week beginning Monday are: Middle Atlantic States, warm and generally fair, but with occasional local thunder showers probable.

T. P. A. JOINS MOVEMENT TO ERECT GREAT SHAFT

Colonel C. R. Kelley Advocates Monument to Be Built on Hampton Roads.

TRAVELING MEN APPROVE

Organization Will Also Present Recommendations to Assembly as to Highway Legislation for Virginia Special Session.

Speaking on how to get a monument that would rival the Statue of Liberty to place in historic Hampton Roads, Colonel C. R. Kelley addressed the Travelers' Protective Association last night at their home, Third and Main Streets.

"There is absolutely no use to put up monuments on Virginia's historic places where they can't be seen, because Virginia's roads are impassable," Colonel Kelley asserted, "but in the mouth of one of America's greatest ports, where over \$4,000,000,000 worth of goods clear every year, and almost within sight of Yorktown, which was America's first port of entry, and about which so much history has been made, which so much history should be a most appropriate spot to erect a memorial."

Acting on the advice of Colonel Kelley, the association appointed a committee of five to formulate plans to gain the end in view and to affiliate with other organizations which are willing to aid in this movement. Ap-

pointed on the committee were: Hugh P. Powell, president of the association; S. J. Allen, W. L. Brinkley, B. H. Randall and G. O. Allen. Colonel Kelley was also named on the committee.

At another time Colonel Kelley said: "Richmond will give to the port of Norfolk one of the finest monuments in Virginia. All that Richmond will be benefited will be by what Virginia gains."

"Our plan is to get the government to appropriate the base and put up the pedestal by subscription," State Chairman W. B. Cridlin, of the State committee, made a report on State roads. He reported that he had investigated all the laws in other States concerning the taxation of automobiles and other road laws governing traffic, and found by comparison that Virginia was far behind. According to Mr. Cridlin, North Carolina has better roads than Virginia, with a tax on automobiles of 25 cents per horse power. Maryland, with a tax of 60 cents per horse power, was voted as having roads 500 per cent better than Virginia.

That the government with heavy trucks had turned the highways into plowed fields was one of the defenses made, and that Virginia's war debt had used up tax money which could have been used for improvements.

After hearing the report of the chairman a committee of three from the Richmond association was appointed to aid in drafting ordinances to be submitted to the Legislature for consideration.

Discussing conditions in hotels and the high rates charged, it was moved that a bill be again agitated, as it was some time ago in the State Legislature, to make all hotels post their rates in plain view. An incident was cited by one member of four soldiers being charged \$20 for one room for a single night here in a downtown

hotel, which it was asserted was not a usual charge.

The next meeting of the association was called for August 30.

RECOMMENDS CANADIAN RECIPROCITY ACT REPEAL

House Ways and Means Committee Also Acts to Remove Soft Drink Tax.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Repeal of the Canadian reciprocity act of 1911 was recommended today by the House Ways and Means Committee. Some Democrats joined with the Republicans in voting for repeal, but others said that action should be deferred pending further investigation.

The committee also voted to recommend the repeal of the 10 per cent soft drink war tax. Though no record vote was taken, Democratic members urged that all repeals be deferred until

means for replacing the lost revenue was found.

Reduction of the war tax on fruit juices to 2 cents a gallon, urged by Western producers of grapes and loganberries, also was recommended.

SURRENDERED WARSHIPS ARE BOUND FOR ENGLAND

Eight Dreadnaughts, Six Cruisers, and 100 Other Boats Given Up By Germans.

LONDON, July 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette makes the announcement that the first batch of German warships surrendered under the terms of a peace treaty will soon arrive at a British port. This fleet will include dreadnaughts, six light cruisers and nearly a hundred torpedo boats and destroyers. It is expected that a number of these vessels will be assigned to France. Others will be taken over by Britain and the United States to

be broken up or used as targets in battle practice. France has expressed a desire to acquire possession of the cruiser Graf Von Spee, which has been launched.

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